

**Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., July 20, 1829,
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TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, July 20, 1829.

My D'r son, I am gratified by the receipt of your affectionate letter of the 16th instant, Just recd. I was fearful from information received of the low state of water in the ohio river, that you would be compelled to travel overland thro' Ohio to Kentucky—your letter has dispelled this fear and shews that you have been fortunate in getting a Boat to cincinnati. from there to Louisville you will no dificulty in getting a Boat, and I trust you will reach home in safety without much injury to your Horses.

I have recd. since you left me a letter from Col. Charles J Love informing of my negro man James death. I was fearful that his death might have been produced by the illtreatment of the overseer and wrote you immediately on the subject to enter upon an enquiry and if you found it did, to remove him. This letter you will have recd. before this reaches you, and as I have received another letter from Col Love which speaks of Mr Steel in warm terms, I wish you to consult with him and Dr. Hogg upon this subject. I hope Mr. Steel will treat my negroes with humanity as I have requested him I have confidence in him, have no wish to remove him, if he will only treat my slaves with humanity.

On the other parts and objects of your visit home I pray you to act with circumspection. you are young, and now for the first time distant from me, but I have confidence that you will steer clear of evil company, and all kind of disapation. Our family enjoy health, and you

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will be particular in presenting us to all our friends and relatives affectionately. We had a pleasant tour to the Point¹ and all have returned in good health. . . .

1 Old Point Comfort, Va.